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In re Patent No. 6,450,655 :  
Issue Date: September 17, 2002 :  
Application No. 09/727,649 : **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**  
Filed: December 1, 2000 :  
For: Multi-Port Illuminating and Viewing :  
Unit :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a), filed December 6, 2010, to accept the unavoidably delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent. This petition is properly treated under 37 CFR 1.378(b).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The patent issued September 17, 2002. The 7.5 year (second) maintenance fee could have been paid from September 17, 2009 through March 16, 2010 or with a surcharge during the period from March 17, 2010 through September 17, 2010. Accordingly, the patent expired on September 18, 2010, for failure to timely submit the 7.5 year maintenance fee.

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The person who has executed the petition is Thomas M. Canty has failed to establish he is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee pursuant to 37 CFR 3.73 (b)(2). A statement pursuant to 37 CFR 3.73(b) is required.

The merits of petitioner's argument to establish unavoidable delay have **not** been considered.

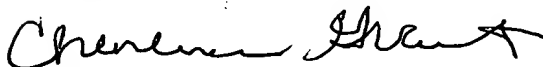
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